

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1188
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. John E. Caruthers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John E. Caruthers is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-eight years with the University of Tennessee Space Institute (UTSI), where he currently holds the position of University of Tennessee Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of UTSI; he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on September 19, 1945, in West Point, Georgia, John Everett Caruthers is the son of the late Lester and Jewell Bishop Caruthers of Lanett, Alabama; he attended school in Lanett, graduating as Valedictorian from Lanett High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers was named "Outstanding Engineering Graduate" upon receiving his bachelor's degree from Auburn University in 1977, and earned his Master's degree at Auburn in 1970; and

WHEREAS, attending Purdue University Extension in Indianapolis in 1970, Dr. Caruthers would ultimately enroll at Georgia Technological University and obtain his Ph.D. from there in 1976. As a student, he received the General Motors Fellowship, National Science Foundation Fellowship, and the Douglas Aircraft Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, accepting employment as a scientist in the Analytical Mechanics Research Section of the Research Department of the Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors Corporation in Indianapolis, Dr. John Caruthers developed advanced methods for aerodynamic designing of jet engines and for prediction of aerodynamically induced vibration in jet engines; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers left General Motors and joined the University of Tennessee Space Institute on April 1, 1978, as an Assistant Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics to teach aerospace and engineering science courses and conduct fluid dynamics research. He was promoted to Associate Professor on September 1, 1980, and was elevated to full Professor on August 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. John E. Caruthers was named University of Tennessee Assistant Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs at University of Tennessee Space Institute; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized for his outstanding contributions to his field of research, on October 1, 1995, Dr. Caruthers became the first Jack D. Whitfield Professor of High Speed Flows, a position he held until November 1997, when he became the third Space Institute faculty member to be chosen as the B.H. Goethert Professor; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2001, Dr. Caruthers was named Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Space Institute, and will continue to serve in this position until his retirement on June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caruthers is most thankful for the loving support and companionship of his beloved wife Susan Norred Caruthers; together, they are the proud parents of three devoted children, Brian, Ben and Jana Caruthers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John E. Caruthers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Caruthers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and employees alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. John E. Caruthers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, even as we pay tribute to his illustrious career with the University of Tennessee Space Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

